



Wood Chips

July 2004

Kansas City Woodturners Club
Local Chapter of The American Association of Woodturners

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July Demonstrator - Dan Moreno

Dan began turning with the encouragement of his wood

shop teacher while in Junior High. He found his ability to turn came easily and combined with his love for wood, which he learned by growing up in a wooded community, the rest is history. Prior to Dan opening a woodworker's specialty store, Turn About Wood in 2001, he instructed students privately at his home for many years, and taught and demonstrated locally. A long time member of the K.C. Woodturners, past President of the Independence Turners and founding member and past President of Northland Turners, he continues to promote the art of woodturning by bringing in world renown turners to the Kansas City area., and holds workshops

and free turning demonstrations at his store.

Dan turns professionally, turning spindles, columns and historic reproductions. His bowls and wood art has been exhibited in galleries through the KC metro area. He gives yearly an "Outstanding Turner's Recognition Grant" to high school students who show talent in turning. The grant consists of a lathe and set of tools. This year he opened it up to area high schools to encourage students to pursue turning in class. "I want to encourage kids to experience woodturning. Who knows where I would be or what I might be doing if it wasn't for that woodshop teacher". Dan is now an instructor himself, teaching woodturning at the store.

June Demonstrator - Jerry Darter

Due to lack of space last month this article did not appear. Jerry turned a segmented baby rattle from diamond wood and cherry at our June meeting. He also debuted a new wazafrazma tool of his own design.

Briefly I grew up in Texas, first worked in K.C. As an intern with Kansas City Parks & Recreation during the summer of 1964, and married the St Lukes Hospital nursing student I met that summer. You should be forewarned, I am an unconscionable braggart, when asked about my two daughters. My first grandchild, Taylor, was born 8 months ago and I can tell you , being a grandparent, is one of the few things in this world that's not overrated.

Woodturning is fun too. I joined the K.C. Woodturners in 1998 with no turning skills at all. What I know today is the result of watching and learning from our clubs many outstanding turners. I tell you all this to let you know its not my fault but yours if things don't go well at the June meeting. You trained me. *(everything went very well)*

Club Events

Events held at Builder Resource West of I-35
on 67th Street in Merriam Kansas
July 10 Second Saturday Bob Davis Turn Flowers
July 12 Monday, Dan Moreno - German Hoop Ring
July 24 Fourth Saturday Open Turning
Aug 9 Monday Kevin Neelley

Calendar of Events

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July 12 Meeting Dan Moreno will turn a German Hoop Ring
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ARTISTIC?

Help the club design a logo for the newsletter and other club items. Details and directions will be available by the next news letter. Entries will be voted on by the club membership at an upcoming meeting.

Boyko Varney-1999

VP Chris Kunzle
Treasurer Don Gruis
Secretary Anthony Harris

In 1999, we experienced the first of our video equipment with the purchase of a television for \$200 and the donation of a video camera by Chris Kunzle. The first tool show booth, that we all know today, started with an invitation from the tool show people. In May 1999, we purchased the Vicmark mini lathe after the sale of the Powermatic for \$700.

Boyko Varney is one of three ornamental wood turners in the city and the only ornamental turner in our club.

John Shackelford - 2000

VP Tracy McCarty
Treasurer Don Gruis
Secretary Sandy Moreno

John joined our club in 1996. He had a passion for woodturning and it showed in everything he did. His woodturning skills were remarkable and combined with his love of turning made him a wonderful president. John made our club fun for everyone at each skill level, but he emphasized helping new members with all aspects of woodturning.

Under John's leadership, something called "basics night" was created. This allowed all members to observe our accomplished turners demonstrate various techniques and then allowed anyone to practice those techniques on the club lathes. If you still had questions, John would invite you to his home shop for further instruction. We are all better turners today because of John's patient teaching. John's legacy as our past president is that he dramatically improved the skill level of everyone in the club. As a result, members that John trained are now capable demonstrators at the club meetings and other functions. Through John's leadership, we now have a much stronger club than before.

Paxton Woodcrafters

6311 St John Street
Kansas City, Mo. 64123
(816) 483-0659



July 16th, Paxtons will be celebrating 90 years of serving the needs of professional and hobby woodworkers with food, prizes and specials all throughout the store. Product vendors will be here and we will have Pen turning and Star10 stripper demos. Come in and help us celebrate!"

Turn About Wood

5226 NE Chouteau
Kansas City, Mo. 64119
(816) 587-3195
www.turnaboutwood.com

Woodturning Instruction

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Exotic & domestic hardwoods, Delta, Oneway, Crown, & more

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8645 Bluejacket Rd.
Lenexa, Ks. 66214
(913) 599-2800

Store Hours

Monday through Friday 9am - 9pm
Saturday 9am - 6pm
Sunday 9am -5pm

Craft Supplies

1287 E 1120 South
Provo, Utah 84606
1-800-551-8876

Overland Tool Inc.

7905 Neiman
Lenexa, Ks. 66214
(913) 599-4044

Sharp USA

1106 Valley Ridge Drive
Grain Valley, Mo. 64029
(816) 229-3055
Tormek Sharpening System

Club Challenge

Coming soon a club challenge - take a piece of wood and turn a unique object. More details at the club meetings and in the next newsletter.

Dick Woodhouse - 2001

VP Alex Garcia
Treasurer Don Gruis
Secretary Jerry Darter

Dick grew up on a farm in South Dakota. He and his lovely wife escaped and eventually ended up in Kansas City. After he retired from life as a manufactures rep, he discovered woodworking and bought a table saw. His next purchase was a lathe from Payless. He envisioned himself as a creator of beautiful turned objects. In 1998 he joined the K.C. Woodturners where he learned that you can't turn an egg cup with a roughing gouge.

In 1999 Dick served as Secretary and did a fine job. In 2000, he was elected Vice President. He organized the annual auction with good results and found talented demonstrators for the meetings. In 2001 he achieved the coveted position of President and worked diligently for the good of the club. In 2002 he continued to work hard for the club as an advisor. During that time, he arranged for us to have the first club exhibit at the Johnson County Museum of History. Club members were given the opportunity to display their work at the museum. He served as advisor again in 2003 and worked enthusiastically to acquire auction items and help the auction proceeds to set a new record. In 2004 Dick continues to be a valued perpetual board member and advisor with his outstanding enthusiasm and organizational skills. He still thinks there may be a way to turn an egg cup with a roughing gouge.

Don Gruis - 2002

VP Rick Sakaguchi
Treasurer Bud Schenke
Secretary Sany Moreno

Don has been an active member of the K.C. Woodturners for many years. Prior to being President, Don served as treasurer in 1999, 2000, and 2001. Don's term as President was marked by solid leadership, good humor, new educational opportunities, and a willingness on his part to take extreme steps to collect raw materials for the clubs use (dumpster diving). Through Don's leadership, our club was strengthened with both new members and new equipment. Don was a great president, but his value to our club extends far beyond that. Need a good entertaining demonstrator – ask Don. Need help with your turning – ask Don. Need lunch – don't ask Don, ask Shirley, his long time partner and wife.

Don gave us a year that was just plain fun and continues to work hard for the club. Last year, when we unexpectedly needed an auctioneer for our annual auction, Don stepped up to the microphone and raised a record amount of money for the club. We are a

munch better club because of don's hard work on our behalf.

Alex Garcia - 2003

VP Merle Schneck
Treasurer Bud Schenke
Secretary Sandy Moreno

Like many of us Alex Garcia started turning after seeing a pen turning demonstration. It didn't take long before Alex was stopping every time that he saw a downed tree. He was one of the original members of the road kill wood club.

Alex has an uncanny way of envisioning what's inside a piece before he turns it. He is meticulous about taking his time to really study a piece of wood before he ever puts it on the lathe. Alex used the same vision to lead the Kansas City Woodturners through 2003. He not only led our group, but managed to continue an active role on the board of the Independence Woodturners as well.

Prior to his term as president, Alex was the first person to contact the AAW to suggest Kansas City as a potential site for the AAW National Symposium. Under Alex's guidance the Kansas city Woodturners had their first summer family picnic.

Frank Novich - 2004

VP Judy Chesnut
Treasurer Bud Schenke
Secretary Bruce Page

Frank was born and raised in the Kansas city, Kansas area. After school he followed his fathers footsteps and apprenticed as an industrial/commercial sheet metal worker. Frank spent most of his career working on industrial sites, shopping centers, and nuclear power plants. Numerous shoulder injuries forced Frank to retire early, and look for something else to occupy his time. A brother-in-law gave him a Shopsmith, and Frank was on his way to becoming a woodturner. He now has a brand new shop and Oneway lathe.

After a couple of years Frank decided to join the K. C. Woodturners. After 3 ½ years as an active member Frank was elected as President of the club. He is currently spearheading our 10th Anniversary celebration and picnic, as well as working with Dick Woodhouse to demonstrate the turning of tops at the Deanna Rose Farmstead and Children's Petting Zoo.

*The annual picnic / ten year celebration was a great success.
Thank you to all that put in a lot of work to make the occasion a great success.*